GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:60
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2017
Import and Export of Agricultural Commodities
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India"s share in the global trade of agricultural commodities is very low;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of total quantity and value of agricultural commodities like rice, wheat, pulses, sugar etc. imported and exported during the last three years, commodity and country-wise along with the revenue generated therefrom during the said period;

(d) whether the export of such commodities has affected the domestic supply and demand scenario; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper domestic supply?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 FOR ANSWER ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2017 REGARDING "IMPORT AND EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES"

(a&b): India is the 9th largest exporter of agricultural products in the world with a share of 2.2% according to World Trade Organization (WTO) International Trade Statistics, 2016 (based on trade in 2015). Share of other leading agricultural exporting countries from 6th to 10th position is in the same range as that of India i.e. 2.2 % - 2.5%. Hence India's share in the world agriculture trade cannot be termed as low. Also India has a large domestic consumption base for agricultural products.
(c): The commodity wise details of India's major export and import of agricultural products are at Annexure-I & II respectively. Country-wise details of export and import of most important agricultural products (top 5 countries for each of the top 5 commodities) are at Annexure-III & IV respectively.
(d&e): Details of export of essential agricultural commodities, as compared to the total production, during the last three years, are as under:
Quantity in Million Tonnes

Commodity	2013-14			2014-15			2015-16		
	Prodn.	Export	% of Exports	Prodn.	Export	% of Exports	Prodn.	Export	% of Exports
Wheat	95.85	5.57	5.81	86.53	2.92	3.37	93.50	0.61	0.65
Rice	106.65	10.90	10.22	105.48	11.95	11.33	104.32	10.41	9.98
Pulses	19.25	0.35	1.82	17.15	0.22	1.28	16.47	0.26	1.58
Fruits & Vegetables	251.88	2.82	1.12	256.08	2.55	1.00	258.05	2.44	0.95

Source: DGCI&S, DAC&FW

As can be seen from the above details, exports of essential commodities, as a percentage of the total production, are too low to have much impact on domestic demand and supply scenario. Government of India is operating several schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture etc. to boost the production of agricultural products. Government has attempted to provide a stable export policy for the agricultural products by taking several factors into consideration such as availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve if any, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, need to balance between remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc
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Annexure-I

Export of Agricultural Products
Value in US $ Million; Quantity in Thousands

(P) - Provisional

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1000818.64	5016.46	1073965.69	5510.49	978027.05	4767.50
2	BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1365.64	4350.23	1475.54	4781.18	1314.22	4069.08
3	RICE -BASMOTI	TON	3754.10	4864.69	3698.93	4516.28	4045.83	3477.98
4	SPICES	KGS	896565.40	2497.22	926020.95	2430.35	831681.25	2541.46
5	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	7148.47	2925.05	8278.23	3336.84	6464.59	2368.64
6	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE		1947.70	3637.53	1142.53	1900.19	1347.07	1938.66
7	SUGAR	TON	2477.64	1177.03	1955.19	871.41	3844.45	1490.52
8	FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	2291.75	886.12	2061.00	763.24	2104.36	799.93
9	COFFEE	KGS	253902.13	798.80	221396.66	814.02	255744.05	783.87
10	CASHEW	TON	120.74	842.30	134.57	909.26	103.13	768.55
11	TEA	KGS	249907.56	798.76	215407.70	681.79	245701.98	720.03
12	CASTOR OIL	KGS	544795.66	725.68	546525.60	770.49	586778.44	705.20
13	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	KGS	237106.04	789.04	219572.23	680.01	215316.96	665.33
14	FRESH FRUITS	TON	525.22	608.96	486.94	516.26	654.66	635.49
15	GROUNDNUT	TON	509.75	525.67	708.39	760.37	542.73	620.36
16	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	NA		547.12	NA	592.26	NA	574.46
17	OIL MEALS	TON	6576.51	2796.34	3904.59	1324.17	2056.36	553.01
18	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	319.55	471.31	305.43	496.41	316.54	513.03
19	GUERGAM MEAL	TON	601.97	1979.63	665.11	1551.87	325.25	496.57
20	SESAME SEEDS	KGS	257441.09	592.14	375656.06	772.27	328455.73	459.77
21	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	NA		418.03	NA	453.66	NA	444.28
22	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED	NA		222.31	NA	278.61	NA	316.68
23	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	NA		401.51	NA	369.59	NA	310.31
24	OTHER CEREALS	TON	4637.54	1204.11	3514.35	869.11	967.93	261.18
25	PROCESSED VEGETABLES	NA		213.04	NA	281.75	NA	258.92
26	DAIRY PRODUCTS	NA		727.52	NA	355.83	NA	256.93
27	PULSES	TON	345.55	290.27	222.14	199.86	255.74	252.11
28	COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	16229.24	93.96	20877.70	138.87	32652.56	193.31
29	MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	419263.76	166.15	419855.41	168.76	431464.50	169.12
30	WHEAT	TON	5572.03	1569.03	2924.05	828.75	666.68	164.22
31	OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	194.46	155.17	247.54	185.03	204.62	147.77
32	SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	22.61	115.36	23.61	135.71	21.95	128.38
33	POULTRY PRODUCTS	NA		93.02	NA	106.38	NA	117.42
34	MOLLASES	TON	211.65	24.53	247.61	31.61	818.57	101.00
35	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	KGS	19338.58	68.80	12499.31	69.96	13104.11	80.89
36	VEGETABLE OILS	TON	23.01	53.38	42.05	94.56	30.60	79.93
37	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS	NA		75.31	NA	75.40	NA	73.80
38	NATURAL RUBBER	TON	10.03	27.49	3.06	7.06	6.14	58.70
39	SHELLAC	KGS	7747.86	84.95	5242.54	43.80	6393.50	30.90
40	NIGER SEEDS	KGS	20841.06	18.69	18155.89	17.71	14121.56	18.99
41	CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	KGS	9480.28	6.35	10937.59	9.10	11677.26	8.83
42	ANIMAL CASINGS	KGS	352.20	4.73	260.15	3.18	206.36	2.61
43	PROCESSED MEAT	TON	0.51	1.29	0.41	2.29	0.28	0.96
44	OTHER MEAT	TON	0.27	0.55	0.26	0.44	0.00	0.00
Total			42865.63		38706.18		32426.68	

Source: DGCI&S

Annexure-II

Import of Agricultural Products

Value in US $ Million; Quantity in Thousands

(P) - Provisional

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
			Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
1	VEGETABLE OILS	TON	7,942.90	7,249.85	12,731.60	10,621.48	15,642.33	10,492.08
2	PULSES	TON	3,177.89	1,828.16	4,584.85	2,786.11	5,797.71	3,902.22
3	FRESH FRUITS	TON	769.14	1,273.44	866.15	1,565.20	839.54	1,694.84
4	CASHEW	TON	776.33	773.78	933.19	1,087.16	961.67	1,339.34
5	SPICES	KGS	1,55,577.43	571.36	1,63,094.90	717.78	1,93,437.50	823.79
6	NATURAL RUBBER	TON	360.27	906.41	442.13	818.29	458.38	715.12
7	SUGAR	TON	880.96	392.18	1,538.64	601.17	1,943.13	612.24
8	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	NA		341.26	NA	408.47	NA	447.38
9	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE		180.97	394.47	259.43	508.80	231.81	394.1
10	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	NA		244.47	NA	292.05	NA	277.2

11 COCOA PRODUCTS KGS 51,627.35 176.89 65,387.03 253.58 56,424.69 212.96
12 WHEAT TON 11.27 4.42 29.49 9.95 517.67 135.45
13 COFFEE KGS 59,940.86 120.18 74,884.58 152.20 65,612.80 122.59
14 FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS KGS 8,294.15 74.36 14,012.28 100.48 14,328.07 107.57
15 MARINE PRODUCTS KGS 31,219.16 67.65 27,721.32 73.93 50,129.15 97.23
16 CEREAL PREPARATIONS TON 53.47 69.15 64.81 95.44 61.49 87.81
17 PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES NA 68.28 NA 81.58 NA 80.31
18 OIL MEALS TON 126.94 33.33 165.10 44.71 255.01 65.26
19 FRESH VEGETABLES TON 25.98 6.66 8.24 1.82 140.73 59.78
20 TEA KGS 22,739.91 48.54 28,390.47 63.57 23,722.24 58.04
21 DAIRY PRODUCTS NA 38.46 NA 61.49 NA 56.64
22 OTHER CEREALS TON 22.32 16.08 23.40 10.03 206.14 51.84
23 OTHER OIL SEEDS TON 54.70 27.50 51.56 26.59 62.51 32.99
24 TOBACCO MANUFACTURED NA 27.85 NA 32.76 NA 29.74
25 SESAME SEEDS KGS 72,928.10 134.48 34,767.79 62.67 23,597.10 27.59
26 TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED KGS 1,549.35 13.09 1,930.42 15.90 2,883.25 20.54
27 PROCESSED VEGETABLES NA 28.79 NA 17.07 NA 18.4
28 FLORICLTR PRODUCTS NA 18.45 NA 18.52 NA 17.43
29 NIGER SEEDS KGS - - 703.00 0.60 5,780.00 6.76
30 POULTRY PRODUCTS NA 3.89 NA 6.18 NA 4.04
31 MILLED PRODUCTS KGS 3,977.44 3.64 3,465.37 2.90 4,393.66 3.26
32 SHELLAC KGS 680.72 8.01 1,770.84 9.75 705.39 2.99
33 OTHER MEAT TON 0.36 2.61 0.47 3.19 0.5 2.64
34 GUERGAM MEAL TON 0.38 3.66 0.13 0.95 0.63 2.07
35 MOLLASES TON 15.07 1.47 60.28 4.93 17.27 1.16
36 RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI) TON 1.44 1.37 1.96 1.77 1.02 0.91
37 CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID KGS 379.07 0.34 1,720.40 1.63 1,858.35 0.87
38 SHEEP/GOAT MEAT TON 0.06 0.86 0.09 1.43 0.05 0.73
39 PROCESSED MEAT TON 0.39 1.27 0.17 0.85 0.07 0.42
40 CASTOR OIL KGS 68.95 0.34 52.36 0.30 31.76 0.17
41 GROUNDNUT TON 0.11 0.06 0.13 0.08 0.11 0.05
Total 14,977.06 20,563.36 22,006.55
Source: DGCI&S

Annexure − III

EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

MARINE PRODUCTS
Quantity: Thousand KGS, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
U S A 110,017.41 1,267.84 276,383.01 1,457.50 227,736.09 1,326.85
VIETNAM 256,745.21 963.49 128,804.74 1,102.91 147,223.04 895.05
JAPAN 70,290.71 406.94 78,605.23 447.27 76,320.33 404.66
SPAIN 43,972.69 166.27 53,732.63 205.36 57,043.27 184.29
BELGIUM 25,037.22 214.59 50,471.95 202.99 49,297.23 172.79
OTHERS 494,755.40 1,997.33 485,968.13 2,094.46 420,407.09 1,783.86
Total 1,000,818.64 5,016.46 1,073,965.69 5,510.49 978,027.05 4,767.50

BUFFALO MEAT
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
VIETNAM 524.18 1,795.50 633.35 2,152.86 605.10 1,992.64
MALAYSIA 121.71 388.66 130.88 422.94 135.94 410.02
EGYPT 107.82 338.21 128.08 422.34 115.32 357.72
SAUDI ARAB 74.60 247.10 73.82 259.01 64.65 216.23
IRAQ 29.99 87.10 23.60 66.33 42.99 117.36
OTHERS 507.34 1,493.66 485.81 1,457.70 350.22 975.11
Total 1,365.64 4,350.23 1,475.54 4,781.18 1,314.22 4,069.08

SPICES
Quantity: Thousand KGS, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
U S A 68,643.28 391.52 66,323.81 409.80 65,022.80 426.52
VIETNAM 98,114.82 175.38 122,863.19 210.17 104,192.43 219.20
CHINA 47,689.39 384.41 25,574.61 245.27 22,277.64 171.49
THAILAND 47,228.24 76.97 50,184.78 85.97 63,537.14 135.96

MALAYSIA 57,731.93 96.66 56,860.07 103.59 65,124.54 117.15
OTHERS 577,157.74 1,372.28 604,214.49 1,375.55 511,526.70 1,471.14
Total 896,565.40 2,497.22 926,020.95 2,430.35 831,681.25 2,541.46

Source: DGCI&S

Annexure − III
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RICE (OTHER THAN BASMOTI)
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 (P)
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
SENEGAL 651.98 195.73 765.02 226.03 905.97 244.13
BENIN 1,166.85 485.17 598.57 247.12 623.35 215.53
NEPAL 406.16 119.8 630.49 216.76 486.66 173.54
COTE D" IVOIRE 261.5 98.67 259.69 97.93 457.42 152.56
GUINEA 221.77 87.66 397.72 152.88 395.98 133.03
OTHERS 4,440.21 1,938.02 5,626.74 2,396.12 3,595.21 1,449.85
Total 7,148.47 2,925.05 8,278.23 3,336.84 6,464.59 2,368.64

RICE -BASMOTI
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
SAUDI ARAB 826.12 1,108.84 966.30 1,187.91 948.85 842.22
IRAN 1,440.45 1,834.51 935.57 1,108.50 695.31 571.19
UAE 147.90 196.51 277.89 314.38 612.15 475.18
IRAQ 219.61 271.13 235.45 259.13 418.31 340.97
KUWAIT 175.54 247.94 166.47 250.53 180.73 211.68
OTHERS 944.48 1,205.76 1,117.25 1,395.83 1,190.48 1,036.74
Total 3,754.10 4,864.69 3,698.93 4,516.28 4,045.83 3,477.98

Annexure − IV
IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

VEGETABLE OILS
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
INDONESIA 3,544.42 3,014.00 4,930.88 3,887.70 5,988.52 3,631.50
MALAYSIA 1,665.85 1,424.51 3,294.71 2,587.90 3,839.59 2,295.99
ARGENTINA 1,091.68 1,135.70 1,738.59 1,582.68 3,024.23 2,246.20
UKRAINE 1,074.64 1,110.45 1,728.14 1,578.16 1,489.84 1,274.49
BRAZIL 225.74 228.17 440.11 408.19 760.55 570.35
OTHERS 340.57 337.02 599.17 576.85 539.60 473.55
Total 7,942.90 7,249.85 12,731.60 10,621.48 15,642.33 10,492.08

PULSES
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
CANADA 1,504.72 758.69 2,195.56 1,074.57 2,510.81 1,415.54
MYANMAR 667.15 459.39 931.33 803.00 721.98 817.45
AUSTRALIA 342.21 189.46 332.66 188.41 912.19 624.24
RUSSIA 215.62 90.33 236.89 103.16 503.49 217.57
U S A 195.85 112.44 312.23 168.38 259.08 151.89
OTHERS 252.34 217.85 576.18 448.59 890.16 675.53
Total 3,177.89 1,828.16 4,584.85 2,786.11 5,797.71 3,902.22

FRESH FRUITS
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
U S A 129.84 479.41 136.15 551.63 180.97 725
AFGHANISTAN 26.11 120.39 35.51 164.06 31.22 164.05
AUSTRALIA 22.25 106.03 19.65 102.81 25.26 158.47
IRAN 31.24 67.62 42 104.42 44.53 106.5
PAKISTAN 132.58 100.15 135.73 106.74 115.85 89.26
OTHERS 427.12 399.84 497.11 535.54 441.71 451.56

Total 769.14 1,273.44 866.15 1,565.20 839.54 1,694.84

Source: DGCI&S
Annexure − IV
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CASHEW
Quantity: Thousand TON, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
COTE D" IVOIRE 209.27 176.95 341.64 354.09 338.20 423.48
GUINEA BISSAU 114.70 109.44 123.83 157.92 122.90 197.50
TANZANIA 112.16 149.37 140.35 203.74 116.57 191.49
BENIN 103.98 102.21 125.51 142.04 146.05 190.57
GHANA 96.34 88.21 64.27 69.44 68.82 88.34
OTHERS 139.88 147.60 137.59 159.93 169.13 247.96
Total 776.33 773.78 933.19 1,087.16 961.67 1,339.34

SPICES
Quantity: Thousand KGS, Value US$ Million
Country 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Quantity Value Quantity Value Quantity Value
VIETNAM 25,553.89 64.75 39,746.17 154.04 29,121.21 120.57
SRI LANKA 15,405.15 97.62 9,538.61 91.46 13,143.91 116.37
MADAGASCAR 4,109.53 33.64 6,888.14 67.32 12,288.29 109.53
AFGHANISTAN 2,614.62 58.15 3,161.81 71.48 3,454.01 92.83
INDONESIA 6,634.22 28.59 11,625.08 47.6 19,151.95 72.54
OTHERS 101,260.02 288.61 92,135.09 285.88 116,278.13 311.95
Total 155,577.43 571.36 163,094.90 717.78 193,437.50 823.79
Source: DGCI&S